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In re Application of: )  
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**Balaji Venkataraman** )  
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Serial No.: **10/056,805** ) Art Unit:  
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Filed: **January 25, 2002** ) Examiner: **To be assigned**  
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For: **Tannate Compositions and** )  
**Methods of Treatment** )

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

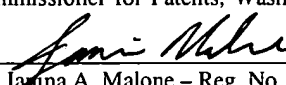
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Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Please enter this preliminary amendment prior to substantive examination of the above-identified application and consider the accompanying remarks.

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